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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - September 18, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Carlos Rene Alcaraz was sentenced today in U.S. District Court by United States District Judge Thomas J. Whelan to serve 60 months in custody and five years of supervised release based upon his conviction for possession with the intent to distribute more than half a ton of marijuana.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Steve Miller, who prosecuted the case, Carlos Rene Alcaraz was arrested on March 29, 2007, after a vehicle pursuit through the streets of Holtville, California. Alcaraz ran his truck into a parked car and fled on foot. Border Patrol agents chased Alcaraz and eventually found him hiding under an inflatable swimming pool at the side of a nearby residence. The agents recovered 57 bundles of marijuana from the back of Alcaraz' truck, weighing approximately 1,391 pounds.

DEFENDANT**Case No. 07cr0922-W**

Carlos Rene Alcaraz

SUMMARY OF CHARGE

Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Distribute, Title 21, United States Code, Section 841

AGENCIES

United States Border Patrol

United States Drug Enforcement Administration